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**INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE  
DITCH AND SLOPE PROTECTION MATS  
(GENERAL REWRITE)**

**GENERAL**

Ditch and slope protection mats shall meet the requirements of applicable Iowa Department of Transportation Specifications. Mats containing only straw will be allowed for the protection of slopes only, and not for ditches.

**ACCEPTANCE**

Acceptance of ditch and slope protection mats for use on Iowa Department of Transportation projects will be on the basis of manufacturer and brand name approval.

Approved manufacturers and brand names are listed in [Appendix A](#).

**MANUFACTURER AND BRAND NAME APPROVAL**

To obtain approval, the manufacturer shall submit the following to the Materials Office in Ames, Iowa:

1. Product identification including brand name and product number
2. A sample consisting of a full roll that has not been unrolled or damaged

**MONITOR SAMPLING AND TESTING**

The Office of Materials may sample and test ditch and slope protection mats to verify compliance with specifications per [I.M. 377](#).